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## PRIORITY NATIONAL GUIDED MISSILE INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Pursuant to National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 4, paragraph 2, Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 4/6, (DCID 4/6) established a list of priority national intelligence objectives as a guide for the coordination of intelligence collection and production in response to requirements relating to the formulation and execution of national security policy. The guided missile intelligence objectives below have been derived from DCID 4/6.

2. By definition, all items in this listing are deemed to be critical factors requiring priority attention and effort. Distinction is made between two levels of priority within the general priority category. Order of listing within these two groups has no significance with respect to the relative priority of specific items within the group.

### I. First Priority Objectives\*

A. Soviet intentions, doctrine and plans to employ guided missiles particularly with respect to initiating hostilities using Soviet ~~or~~ Satellite armed forces. (DCID 4/6, para. 1 a)

*as amended by IAC on 3 December 1957*  
B. Present and probable future Soviet capabilities to employ guided missiles in operational units for nuclear attack on the United States or key US overseas installations and for defense against air attack. (DCID 4/6, para. 1 c)

C. Deployment of missiles including such factors as construction of operational sites, characteristics of such sites and associated equipment and installations, types and numbers of missiles deployed and operational readiness.

\*First Priority Intelligence Objectives are those which will permit the US: (1) to anticipate and counter those policies or actions of foreign states which would occasion gravest consequences to the US; and (2) to stimulate policies or actions of foreign states (or actions within them) which could occasion greatest benefit to the US (DCID 4/6, para. 3 a).

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D. The capabilities of the USSR to conduct research on and develop and produce guided missiles of all types and other components of guided missile systems suitable for nuclear attack on the United States or key US overseas installations (DCID 4/6, para. 1 c). Particular emphasis will be placed on:

1. Characteristics of existing operational, guided missile weapon systems to include type, range, accuracy, lethality, and reliability.
2. Function and capabilities of institutes, plants and organizations engaged in the research, development, and production phases of the guided missile weapon systems and specialized auxiliary equipment.

E. The capabilities of the USSR to conduct research on and develop and produce guided missiles and other components of guided missile systems suitable for defense against air attack (DCID 4/6, para. I c). Particular emphasis will be placed on the determination of research and development on:

1. Surface-to-air guided missiles
2. Air-to-air guided missiles
3. Anti-ICBM guided missiles

F. The capabilities and intentions of the USSR to conduct research on, develop, produce, and employ earth satellites and space vehicles.

## II. Second Priority Objectives

None.

## III. Third Priority Objectives

A. Scientific, technological and economic developments in Western Europe as they affect the ability to develop or produce guided missiles and guided missile components.